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SUBJECT: FORD-KREISKY MEETING IN SALZBURG: ISSUES - SALT, US-USSR  
RELATIONS

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1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INTERESTED IN THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT FORD ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SALT TALKS AND IN US-USSR RELATIONS. EMBASSY ASSUMES PAPERS ON THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT BUT WISHES TO NOTE THAT, WHILE KREISKY AND GOA STILL FIRMLY ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF ALL MOVES TOWARD GENUINE DETENTE, AUSTRIAN ATTITUDE HAS BECOME MORE CAUTIOUS IN WAKE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTHERN EUROPE, AND THE EVIDENT WEARINESS OF THE WEST IN MAINTAINING ITS DEFENSE BURDENS. ONE RESULT WAS REMARKABLY EXPLICIT STATEMENT BY KREISKY IN NEW YORK IN APRIL TO THE EFFECT THAT CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN EUROPE WAS ESSENTIAL TO POWER BALANCE UPON WHICH SECURITY IN EUROPE AND AUSTRIAN WELL-BEING DEPENDED. KREISKY MIGHT THEREFORE WELCOME REASSURANCE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING INTENTION AND ABILITY OF US TO PERSEVERE IN ITS ESSENTIAL SECURITY ROLE IN EUROPE. BUCHANAN

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